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Red Meat Production in Pennsylvania Up 8 Percent in May

HARRISBURG, PA, Jun 22, 2007 --- Commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in **Pennsylvania** during May 2007 totaled 109.1 million pounds, up 8 percent from May 2006, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Beef production, at 96.6 million pounds live weight, was up 10 percent from May 2006. Total head slaughtered was 78,500, up 9 percent. Live weight averaged 1,238 pounds, up 10 pounds from last year. Veal production was 6.1 million pounds live weight, down 2 percent from last year. Calf slaughter of 15,000 head was up 3 percent from last year. Average live weight decreased 22 pounds to 407 pounds.

Pork production was 64.0 million pounds live weight, up 7 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 254,900, up 4 percent from May 2006. Average live weight increased 6 pounds from last year to 251 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production during May 2007 was 473,000 pounds live weight, up 15 percent. The number slaughtered was 5,000, up 11 percent from last year. Average live weight increased 2 pounds to 94 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in May 2007 totaled 4.08 billion pounds, up slightly from the 4.06 billion pounds produced in May 2006. Compared with a year earlier beef production, dressed weight basis, at 2.28 billion pounds, was down 1 percent. Veal production totaled 12.4 million pounds, down 3 percent from May a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.76 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Lamb and mutton production, at 15.5 million pounds, was down 4 percent from May 2006.

January-May red meat production was 19.5 billion pounds, up 2 percent from May 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 2 percent from last year, veal was up 9 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

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